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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : USIA Membership on IAC

1. I have considered the several views concerning the position which CIA should take regarding extending membership on the IAC to IRI/USIA.

2. Essentially the views are:

a. Mr. Loomis (Chief, IRI/USIA): He strongly wishes it and feels there is an adequate case.

b. Mr. Streibert: Views unknown, but presumably would support Loomis' views if asked.

c. Mr. Bissell (See Tab A):

(1) Does not consider it necessary.

(2) Considers it desirable as soon as the IAC can be conditioned to accept it at some future time.

(3) Believes that the conditioning of the IAC will be facilitated by your raising the question of USIA membership at an IAC meeting, indicating your own friendly attitude, but not pressing the issue.

d. Mr. Amory (See Tab B):

(1) Strongly favors the membership as a constructive step in improving IAC by addition of a new and qualified collector and producer.

(2) Recommends against allowing Streibert to apply, but proposes instead that IAC tender the offer.

(3) Suggests that the argument against increasing IAC size can be overcome by making USIA and AEC alternate members.

e. Mr. Wisner (See Tab C):

(1) IAC Membership would subject USIA to the type of coordination, control and discipline which the community has imposed on itself in the IAC.

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3. My conclusions are:

a. IRI/USIA has a valuable contribution to make.

b. Membership not necessary to obtain contribution.

c. If we recommend USIA to IAC, it must clearly indicate that while we are proposing, we are not pressing the issue.

4. I recommend, that after discussing with Amory, you or I at an early opportunity raise the matter at IAC in Executive Session essentially as follows:

> "In view of growing capability of IRI/USIA, we have wondered if it would be advantageous for USIA to become a member of IAC. (Do not mention any approaches or hints by Loomis.) After studying the idea, we believe that it would be beneficial to the community if USIA were a member of the IAC. IRI/USIA has a growing capability for collecting and evaluating intelligence of much value to the Intelligence Community. We would appreciate very much the views of the other members."

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